



## Home Composting Resources

### Try These Web Sites for Starters...

[www.bae.ncsu.edu](http://www.bae.ncsu.edu) - go to "Directory/Contacts" and click on "Professional Listing" link. Select Rhonda L Sherman, click on "Composting", then "Home Composting". A resource listing by NC State University faculty member Rhonda Sherman, including publications and lists of other publications on composting and vermicomposting.

[www.biocycle.net](http://www.biocycle.net) - go to "Article Archives" and search list of archives by subject. Numerous articles on home and large scale composting and vermicomposting from Biocycle magazine.

[www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org)

US Composting Council's web site includes publications, discussion list, calendar of events and trainings from USCC, membership information and more about organization.

[www.compostinfo.com](http://www.compostinfo.com)

Florida's on-line composting center developed by Sarasota County includes composting tutorials and other technical resources.

[www.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.cce.cornell.edu) - use search box to find topic specific info about composting.

Technical and educational information on composting, including publications and audio-visual materials.

[www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu) - type "compost" in search box.

Fact sheets and guides on home composting and mulching.

[www.mastercomposter.com](http://www.mastercomposter.com)

Guide to master composter programs in the US and internationally. Listings of composting and gardening products, interactive message board, technical resources and educational materials on composting issues.

[www.muextension.missouri.edu](http://www.muextension.missouri.edu) - type "compost" in search box.

Numerous fact sheets on home composting and mulching.

[www.plantfacts.osu.edu](http://www.plantfacts.osu.edu) - type "compost" in search box.

Ohio State University links to fact sheets on composting, mulching and use of organic materials.

[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) - type "compost" or "mulch" in search box.

United States Department of Agriculture provides basic home composting, vermicomposting and mulching information.

<http://dnr.wi.gov> - click on search box and type compost.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources site contains basic backyard composting and vermicomposting information.

[www.uwex.edu/shwec](http://www.uwex.edu/shwec) - go to "publications," and in focus area, specify composting.

University of Wisconsin Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center fact sheets on composting questions, bin construction, vermicomposting and more.

## Books and Printed Materials

*Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings* (revised 1997), Harmonious Technologies and John Roulac; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). (new and used); \$6.95.

*Basic Composting: All the Skills and Tools You Need to Get Started (How To Basics)* (2003); Eric Ebeling, Alan Wycheck, Patti Olenick & Carl Hursh; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$16.95.

*The Chemical-Free Lawn: The Newest Varieties and Techniques to Grow Lush, Hardy Grass* (1989); Warren Schultz; available from local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new and used); \$14.95.

*Compost (Organic Gardening Basics)* (2001); by Editors of Organic Gardening Magazine; Rodale Books; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$9.95.

*The Compost Book* (1999); David & Yvonne Taylor; "can's" and "can'ts" of composting with diagrams and drawings; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$5.99.

*Compost Critters* (1993); Bianca Lavies; color photographs, descriptions of who eats who in compost pile; [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (used); \$15.99.

*Smith & Hawken: Hands On Gardener: Composting (Smith & Hawken the Hands-On Gardener)* (1998); Liz Ball; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$10.95.

*Composting To Reduce The Waste Stream: A Guide To Small Scale Food and Yard Waste Composting* (1991); from [www.nraes.org](http://www.nraes.org) (type book title under search box) or Natural Resource, Agriculture and Engineering Service Cooperative Extension, PO Box 4557, Ithaca NY 14852-4557; \$12.

*Composting: Wastes to Resources* (1996); J.F. Bonhotal and M.E. Krasny, from <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/> - go to "resources", "composting", under "youth and teacher": Cornell Waste Management Institute, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853-5601, 607-255-1187.

*Don't Waste Your Wastes – Compost'em* (1991); Bert Whitehead, Sunnyvale Press; at local bookstores, [www.baproducts.com](http://www.baproducts.com) (click on "search our site," type "compost") \$12.45 plus shipping and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new and used); \$10.

*Easy Compost: The Secret to Great Soil and Spectacular Plants* (1998); Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Beth Hanson; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); \$9.95.

*Home Composting: Reap a Heap of Benefits* (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-072

*Home Composting: The Basic Composter* (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-182

*Yard Care: Do Your Share!* (brochure); WI DNR, PUBL-WA-073

Brochures available at local Solid Waste/Recycling Departments, or WI DNR by downloadable format at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Recycling/outreach.html> or send order for print format. On larger quantity orders, please contact WI DNR at [DNRwastematerials@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRwastematerials@wisconsin.gov) or (608)-266-2111 to discuss available options.

*Home Composting Wheel* (1994); compost basics; at [www.ehmi.org](http://www.ehmi.org), go to "EHS Publishing", "store," or EHMI, 10 Newmarket Rd., Durham, NH, 03824; 800-558-3464; \$6.95.

*Let It Rot! The Gardener's Guide to Composting* (1998) 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Stu Campbell; from Storey Publishing at [www.storey.com/](http://www.storey.com/) or 800/441-5700 and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used), \$12.95.

*Organic Gardener's Composting* (2006); Steve Solomon; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); \$13.95.

*The Rodale Book of Composting: Easy Methods For Every Gardener* (1992); Grace Gershuny and Deborah L. Martin; at local bookstores, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$16.95.

*Secrets to Great Soil: A Grower's Guide to Composting, Mulching and Creating Health, Fertile Soil for Your Garden and Lawn* (1998); Elizabeth P. Stell; Storey Publishing at [www.storey.com/](http://www.storey.com/); at local book stores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$19.95.

*Taylor's Weekend Gardening Guide to Soil and Composting: The Complete Guide to Building Healthy, Fertile Soil* (1998); Nancy J. Ondra and Barbara Ellis; at local bookstores and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (new & used); \$12.95.

*The Urban/Suburban Composter: The Complete Guide to Backyard, Balcony and Apartment Composting* (1994); Mark Cullen, Lorraine Johnson and Andrew Leyerle; at local bookstores & [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); (new & used) \$13.95.

*Worms Eat My Garbage: How to Set Up & Maintain a Worm Composting System* (1998); Mary Appelhof; available at [www.wormwoman.com](http://www.wormwoman.com) or Flowerfield Enterprises, 10322 Shaver Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49024, 269-327-0108; \$12.95.

### Slide Sets and Videos

*Composting, It's Recycling Naturally* (2003); PowerPoint presentation, 54 slides; from University of WI Cooperative Extension; adapted from Penn State University Extension; includes colorful slides on basic composting, grass cycling and smart landscape choices; contact local WI County Extension Offices to borrow copy or contact SHWEC, Joe Van Rossum, Madison WI 53703, 608-262-0936.

*It's Gotten Rotten*; 20-min. video; composting science program for high schoolers showing compost critters and classroom use of compost for scientific investigations; <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/> - go to "resources", "composting", under "youth and teacher": Cornell Waste Management Institute, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853-5601, 607-255-1187; free download or purchase DVD/VHS \$59.

*Home Composting - Turning Your Spoils Into Soils*; 17-min. video; basic backyard composting; CT DEP Recycling Program, 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106-5127, 860-424-3555; or [www.ct.gov/dep/](http://www.ct.gov/dep/) - go to "Materials and Waste Management", "composting"; free download or purchase VHS \$8.

### Trade Journals and Newsletters

*Biocycle*, monthly journal of composting and recycling; JG Press, Inc., [www.biocycle.net](http://www.biocycle.net), 610-967-4135; \$49/year.

*Composting News*, electronic or paper monthly newsletter on composting and scrap wood management; McEntee Media Corporation, [www.recycle.cc/](http://www.recycle.cc/), 440-238-6603; \$83/year.

*Resource Recycling*, monthly magazine on recycling and composting; [www.resource-recycling.com](http://www.resource-recycling.com), 503-233-1305; \$52/year.

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